

Del Norte County Economic Forecast

Del Norte is California's northern-most coastal county. Redwood National Park and other state parks located in the county are home to some of the world's tallest trees. Vacationers come from around the world to visit the giant redwoods of Del Norte County.

The population of Del Norte County in 2001 was 27,650. Crescent City is the only incorporated area of the County, with 7,500 residents. By the year 2010, Del Norte's population is projected to grow to 30,000, an increase of 9 percent over the current population.

The county's unemployment rate in 2001 was rate of 8.7 percent. The state's annual average unemployment rate for 2001 was 5.2 percent. With tourism and recreation vital factors in the local economy, Del Norte County is more likely to have seasonal variations in the employment patterns.

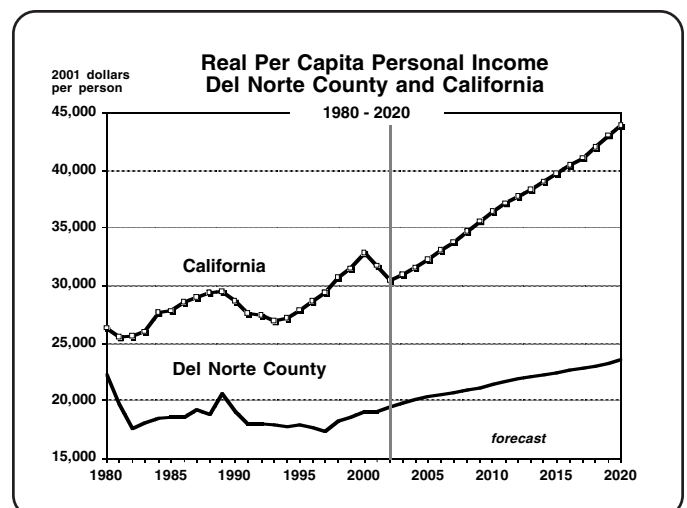
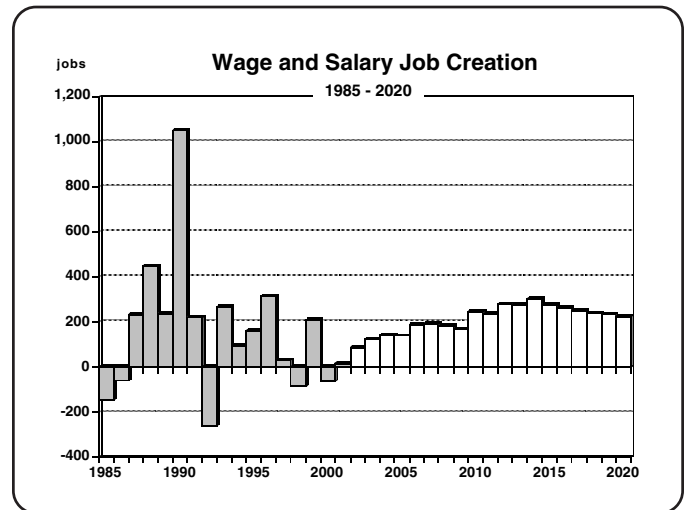
Over the last decade, environmental constraints have changed the job market in many Northern California counties. Historically jobs were concentrated in the timber industry, but that sector has been subject to substantial downsizing in recent years. Faced with continuing declines in the economy, the county brought in Pelican Bay State Prison in 1990, which now accounts for over 1,000 jobs. The prison is the county's largest employer and government is the predominant industry. Government accounts for nearly 44 percent of the total employment in the county.

Combined, the retail trade and services industries account for almost 40 percent of the total employment, validating the strength of tourism and recreation as key economic activities in the local economy.

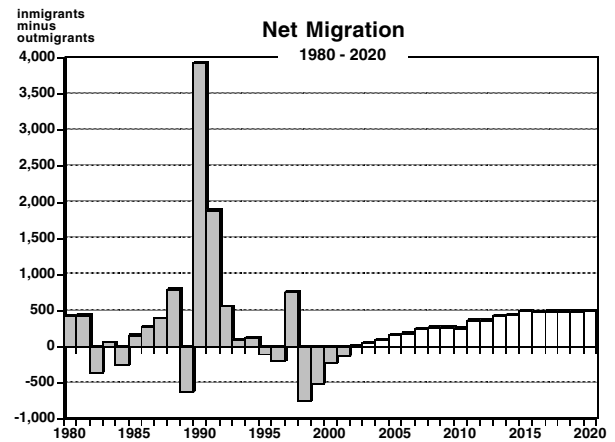
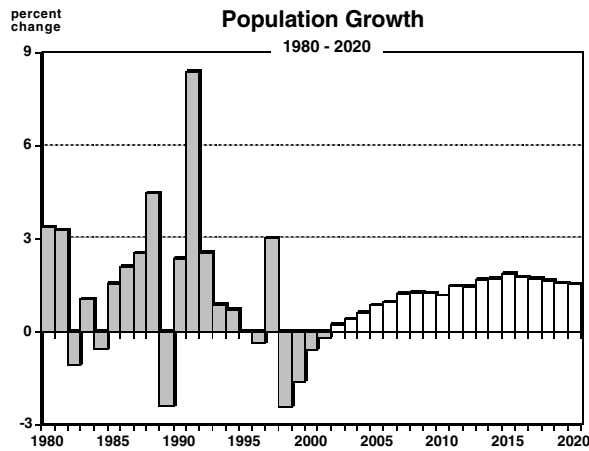
Consequently, three sectors of the economy comprise nearly 85 percent of the jobs in Del Norte County, and these three sectors will remain the engines of growth for the foreseeable future.

Forecast Highlights

- Total employment increases by 865 workers between 2002 and 2007. The principal sectors of growth are government, services, and retail trade.
- Inflation-adjusted per capita income rises an average of 1.3 percent per year over the next 5 years. Total income (inflation adjusted) in the county grows at a 2.2 percent rate per year for the next 5 years.



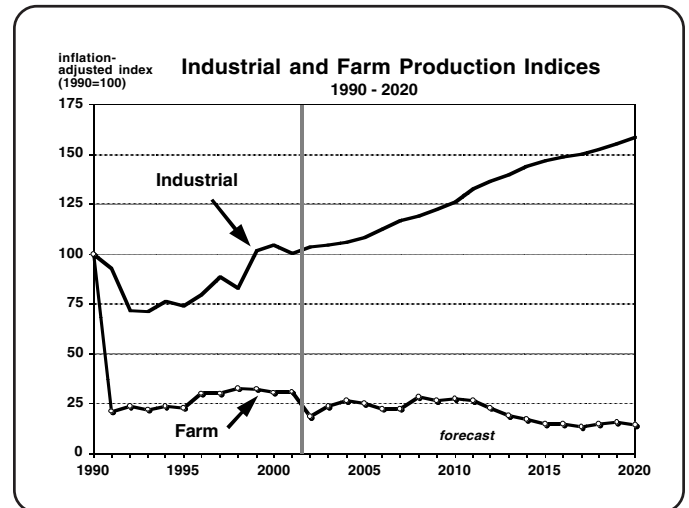
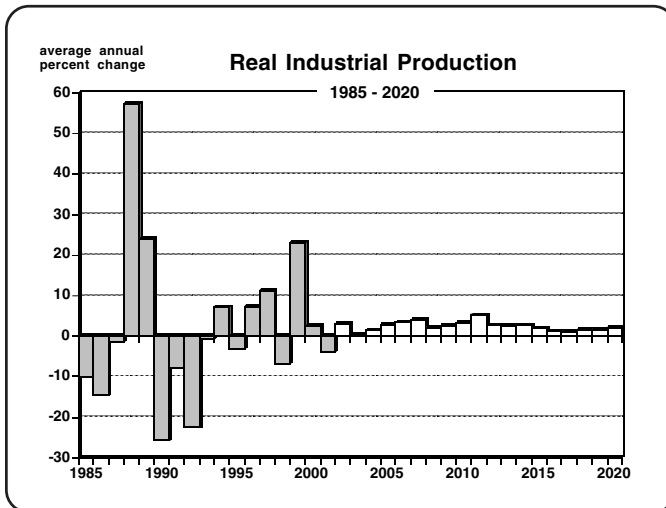
- The number of residential unit permits forecast for the 2002 to 2007 period averages 51 per year, slightly more than the 45 units built per year between 1995 and 2000 in Del Norte County.
- Population growth accelerates over the next 5 years, averaging 0.8 percent growth per year. This compares to the slightly negative growth in population that prevailed between 1995 and 2000. A greater number of births (due to a rising population in the fertile age cohorts) and positive net migration are responsible for the higher rate of population growth projected during the decade. Net migration averages 126 people per year between 2002 and 2007.



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1995-2001 History, 2002-2020 Forecast

	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Retail Sales (millions)	Personal Income (millions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Farm Crop Value (millions)	Industrial Production (millions)
1995	28,250	-100	22.7	8.9	97	\$94.8	\$403.3	\$17,912	\$19.5	\$117.5
1996	28,150	-188	23.3	9.0	51	\$98.4	\$405.0	\$17,645	\$26.1	\$126.2
1997	29,000	763	21.9	9.2	45	\$100.4	\$424.9	\$17,376	\$27.1	\$140.6
1998	28,300	-742	22.4	9.3	50	\$101.1	\$448.9	\$18,203	\$30.2	\$131.2
1999	27,850	-505	22.6	9.4	35	\$106.9	\$469.2	\$18,548	\$31.1	\$161.4
2000	27,700	-213	23.5	9.2	44	\$114.5	\$502.0	\$19,089	\$30.8	\$165.6
2001	27,650	-120	23.9	9.2	56	\$122.3	\$528.6	\$19,117	\$32.8	\$159.5
2002	27,724	7	24.2	9.3	54	\$129.3	\$559.9	\$19,454	\$20.5	\$164.3
2003	27,845	49	24.5	9.3	50	\$135.5	\$587.2	\$19,771	\$27.2	\$165.2
2004	28,021	98	24.8	9.4	48	\$142.0	\$617.2	\$20,107	\$30.7	\$167.8
2005	28,268	160	25.2	9.4	52	\$148.6	\$647.9	\$20,353	\$30.0	\$172.4
2006	28,541	181	25.5	9.4	52	\$155.4	\$679.8	\$20,585	\$27.6	\$178.2
2007	28,902	262	25.8	9.5	53	\$162.4	\$712.5	\$20,758	\$28.2	\$185.3
2008	29,275	278	26.1	9.5	51	\$169.9	\$748.0	\$20,962	\$36.5	\$189.2
2009	29,646	281	26.5	9.6	49	\$177.5	\$784.2	\$21,145	\$35.6	\$194.0
2010	29,996	267	26.8	9.6	49	\$186.2	\$826.9	\$21,435	\$37.5	\$200.1
2011	30,440	366	27.2	9.7	46	\$195.4	\$871.3	\$21,637	\$37.1	\$210.9
2012	30,888	365	27.5	9.7	47	\$205.5	\$919.6	\$21,872	\$33.3	\$216.4
2013	31,415	434	27.8	9.7	48	\$216.2	\$971.4	\$22,066	\$28.0	\$222.1
2014	31,964	446	28.0	9.8	48	\$227.3	\$1,026.0	\$22,284	\$26.0	\$228.1
2015	32,567	498	28.3	9.8	50	\$239.0	\$1,083.6	\$22,480	\$23.4	\$232.6
2016	33,148	483	28.6	9.9	51	\$251.5	\$1,145.0	\$22,691	\$23.9	\$235.6
2017	33,725	488	28.9	9.9	50	\$264.7	\$1,208.7	\$22,869	\$22.2	\$238.3
2018	34,290	492	29.1	10.0	49	\$277.7	\$1,271.9	\$23,012	\$25.2	\$242.3
2019	34,839	489	29.3	10.0	49	\$291.7	\$1,341.5	\$23,247	\$27.8	\$246.1
2020	35,385	498	29.4	10.1	48	\$306.6	\$1,415.5	\$23,524	\$26.4	\$251.1



Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Mining & Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, Utilities	Wholesale, Retail Trade	Finance, Real Estate	Services	Government
-----employment (jobs)-----								
7,471	478	200	489	228	1,690	159	1,414	2,813
7,784	485	173	537	245	1,660	156	1,543	2,985
7,815	457	192	532	257	1,569	151	1,633	3,025
7,730	439	199	458	251	1,498	144	1,677	3,064
7,938	449	204	434	265	1,531	143	1,768	3,143
7,876	448	203	440	245	1,518	128	1,568	3,327
7,891	412	212	370	236	1,525	127	1,559	3,451
7,978	438	215	369	252	1,591	129	1,554	3,430
8,099	446	214	353	261	1,645	130	1,559	3,491
8,239	449	212	343	266	1,693	132	1,576	3,569
8,376	449	212	336	269	1,737	133	1,602	3,638
8,565	449	215	336	271	1,778	134	1,635	3,746
8,755	449	219	337	273	1,819	135	1,675	3,849
8,939	450	221	340	275	1,860	136	1,718	3,940
9,109	450	221	340	276	1,901	137	1,765	4,019
9,355	450	218	344	278	1,945	137	1,814	4,169
9,591	450	222	349	279	1,989	138	1,866	4,298
9,871	449	221	353	280	2,036	139	1,917	4,475
10,147	449	224	356	282	2,084	140	1,967	4,645
10,451	448	226	360	283	2,133	141	2,015	4,845
10,727	448	229	362	284	2,184	142	2,063	5,015
10,992	448	229	365	285	2,235	142	2,110	5,177
11,243	448	229	366	286	2,286	143	2,157	5,328
11,481	448	228	367	287	2,332	144	2,205	5,469
11,714	448	226	368	289	2,381	145	2,253	5,606
11,938	448	224	368	290	2,431	145	2,299	5,732

